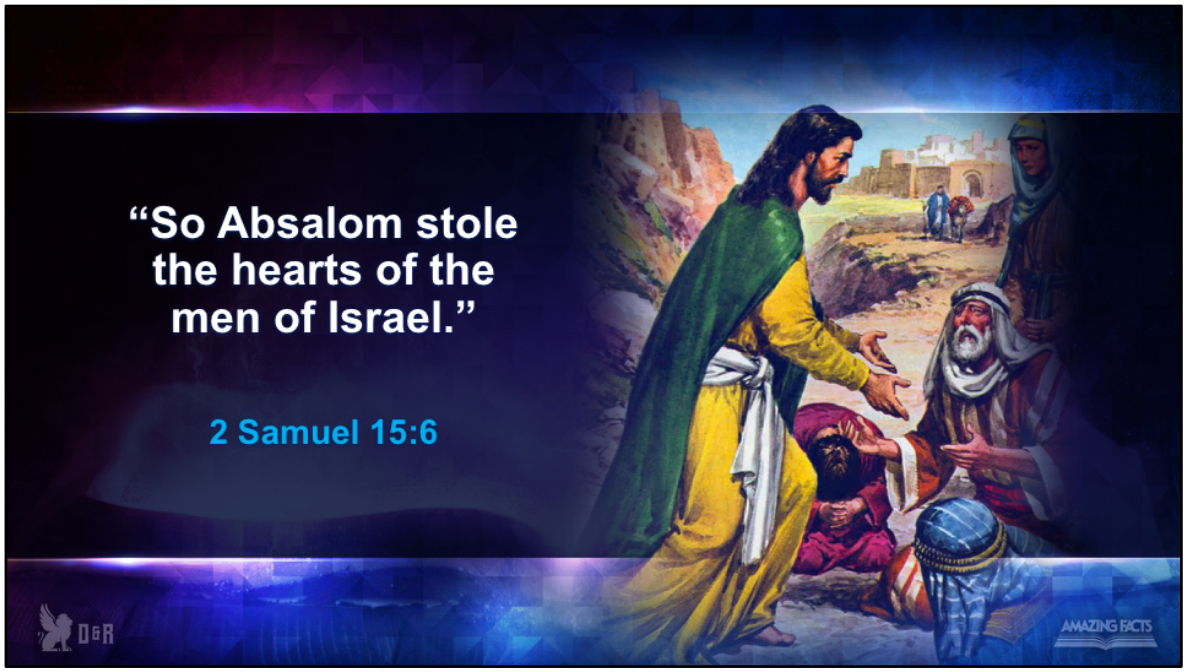

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The Prince of Pride



Absalom was the most handsome, cunning, and ambitious of David's sons. The Bible says, "But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him." 2 Samuel 14:25.

But this determined young prince wanted more than just the admiration of the people for his stunning appearance. He wanted the power of his father's throne. He wanted to be king of Israel at any price. First Absalom killed his older brother, Amnon, after Amnon mistreated his sister Tamar. Amnon was David's firstborn son and in line to follow David as king. Then, after Absalom wormed his way back into his father's favor he began to sow subtle seeds of doubt throughout the kingdom about David's leadership, judgments, and laws until he "stole the hearts of the men of Israel." 2 Samuel 15:6.

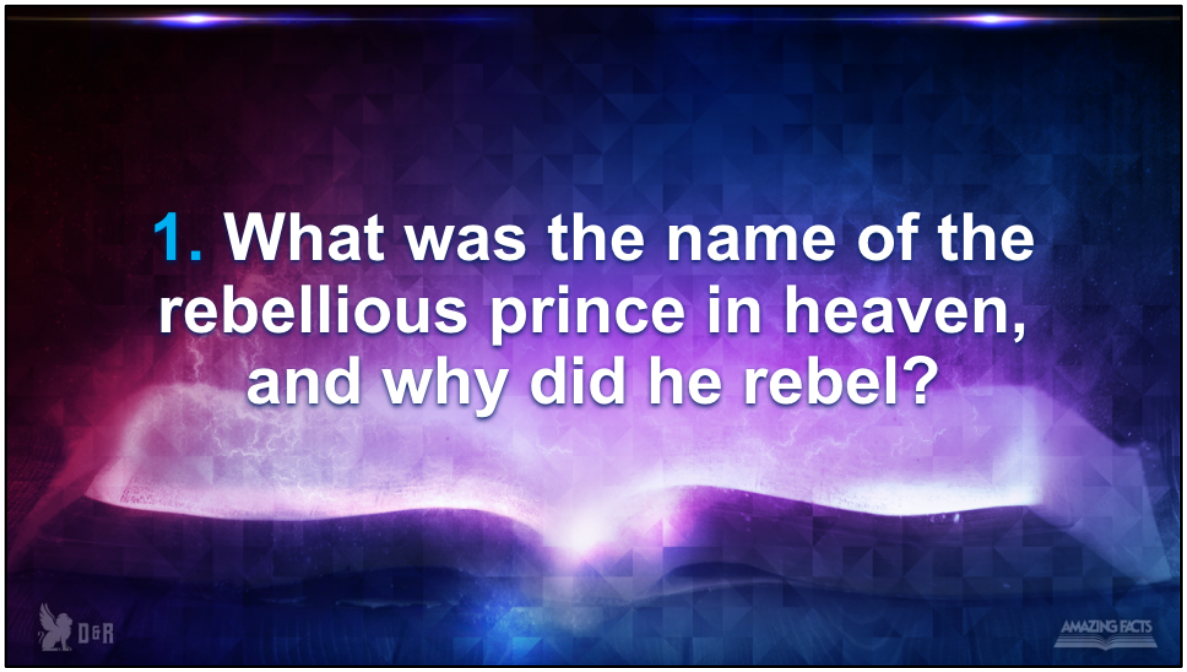


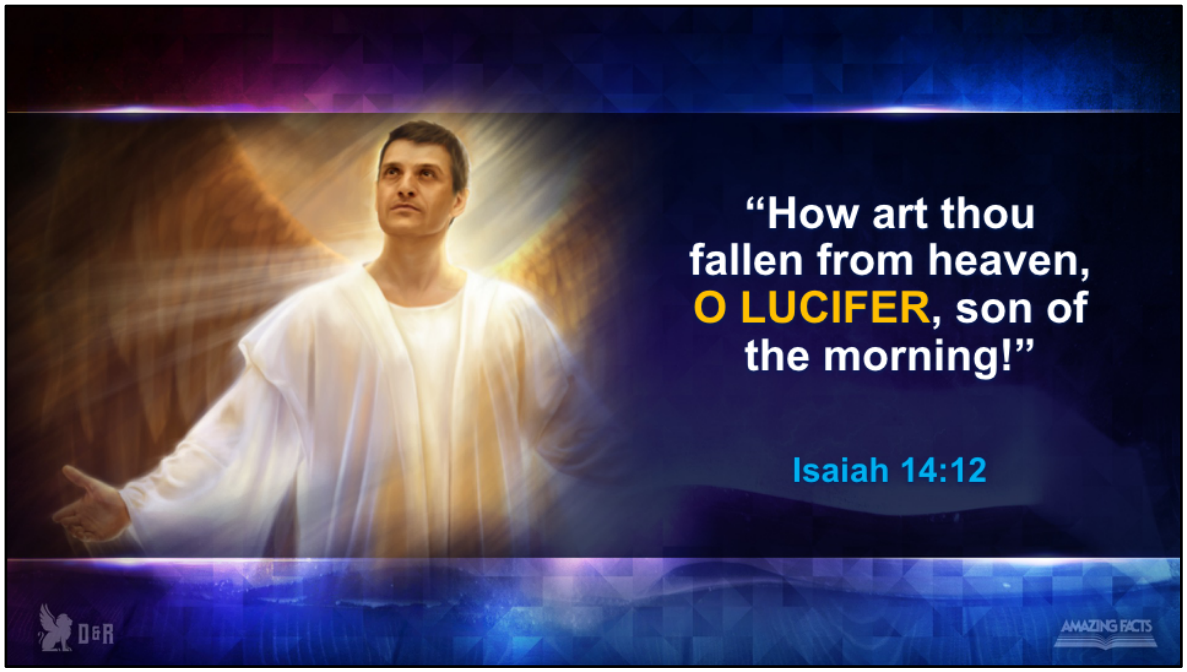
Finally, his sinister plan erupted into a full-blown rebellion as Absalom tried to assassinate his own father and kidnap the kingdom. David and his followers were forced to flee from Jerusalem.



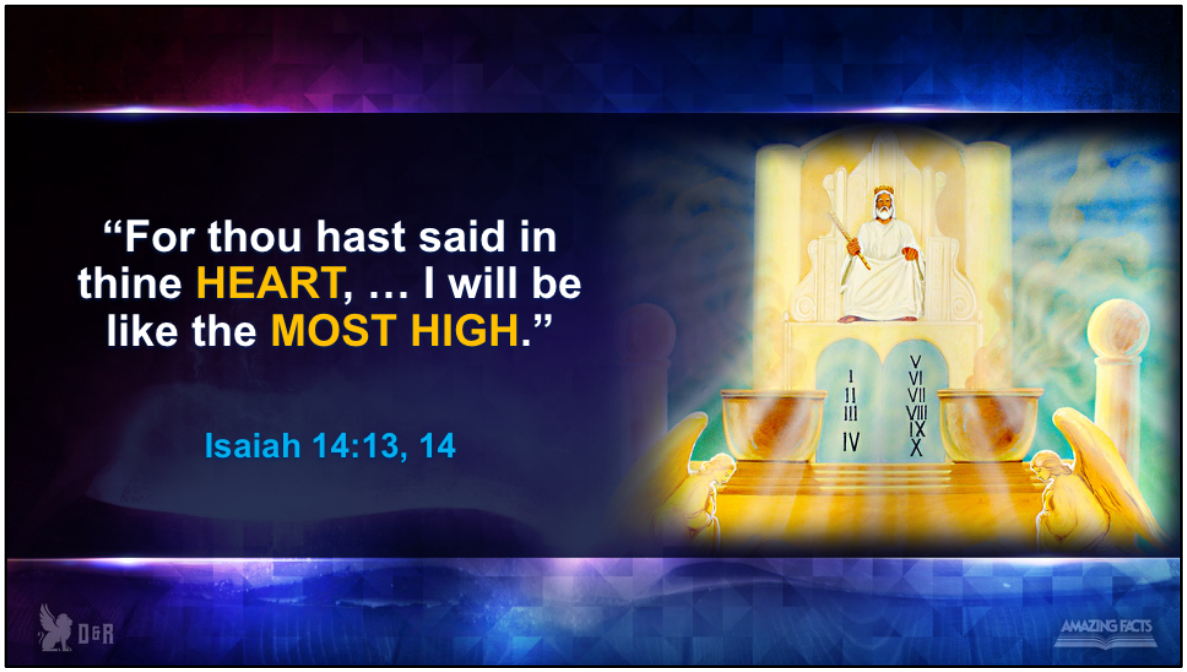
But after a severe battle a few days later, David was once again secure on his throne, and handsome Prince Absalom was slain.

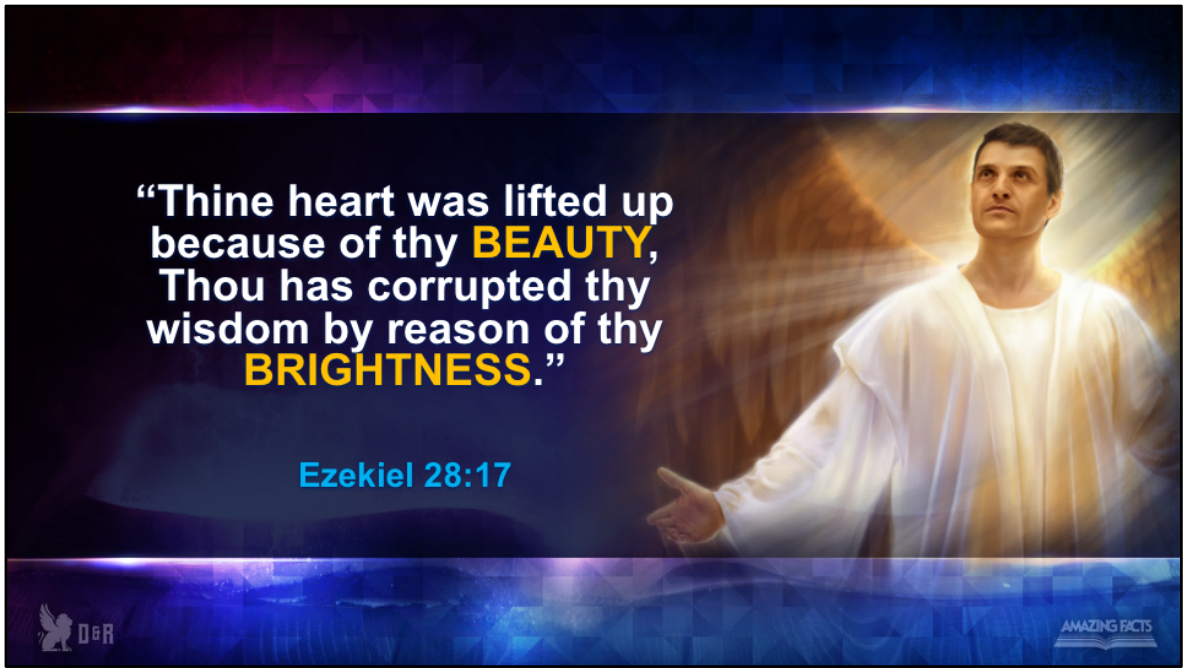
A sad story indeed, but this was not the first such royal family feud. In another great kingdom long ago, very similar events led to the most tragic rebellion of all time. The kingdom was called heaven!

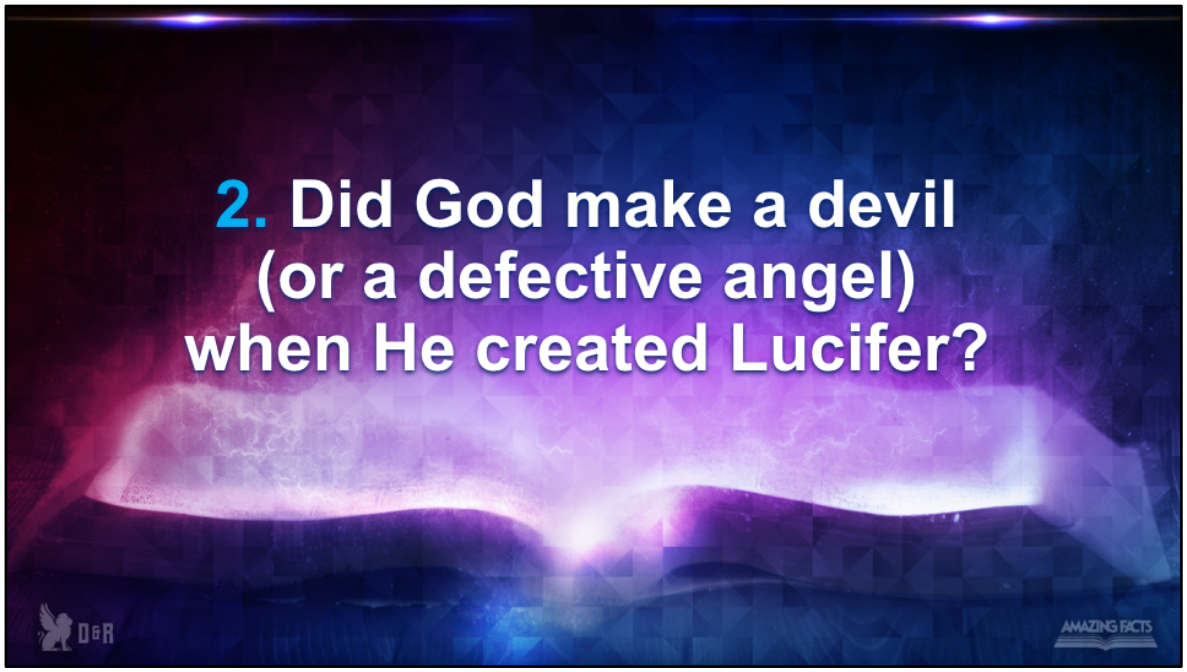

1. What was the name of the rebellious prince in heaven, and why did he rebel?
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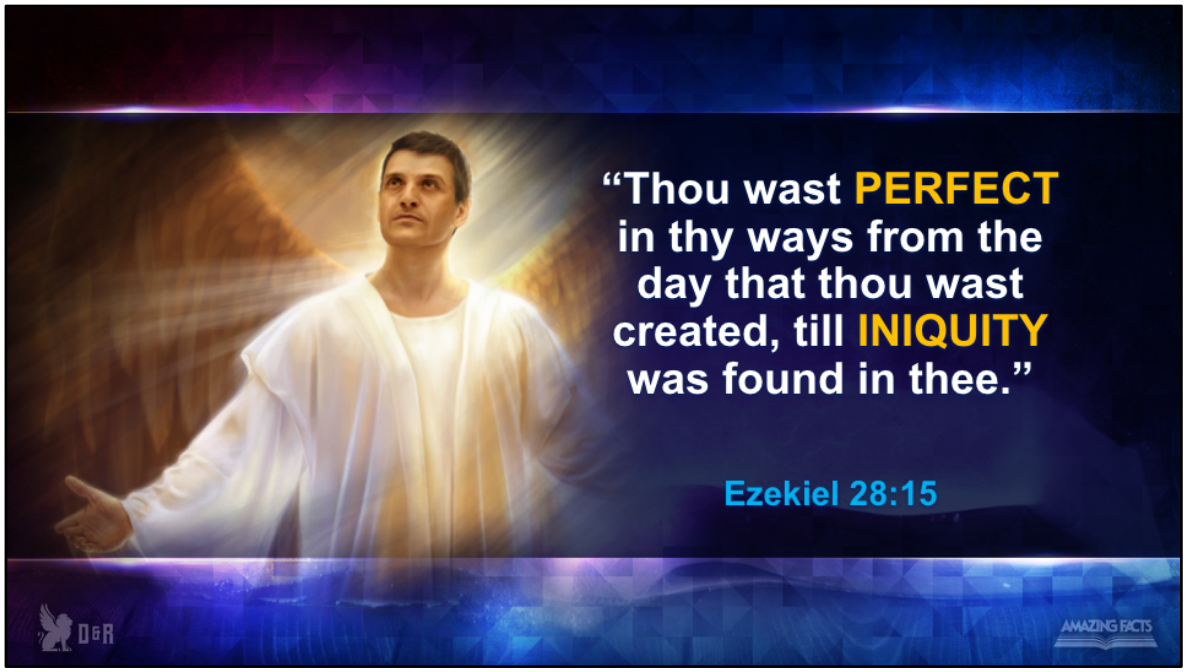


NOTE:
Lucifer was the most powerful and beautiful of God's creatures. He was the highest of the angels and most likely led the heavenly choir. But he allowed his beauty to fill him with pride.


"For thou hast said in thine HEART, … I will be like the MOST HIGH."
Isaiah 14:13, 14
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"Thine heart was lifted up because of thy BEAUTY, Thou has corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy BRIGHTNESS."
Ezekiel 28:17
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2. Did God make a devil
(or a defective angel)
when He created Lucifer?
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NOTE:

God made a perfect angel who, of his own free will, chose to be a devil. It may be hard to imagine, but if we knew Lucifer before his fall, we would have loved him. We don't know exactly how long, but Lucifer may have joyfully served God for eons before he began to cherish seeds of pride and resentment in his heart. The Lord could have made all of His creatures like robots, but a robot cannot love. True love must be willing to take risks. This is why parents decide to have children, knowing that at some time they may choose to disobey.

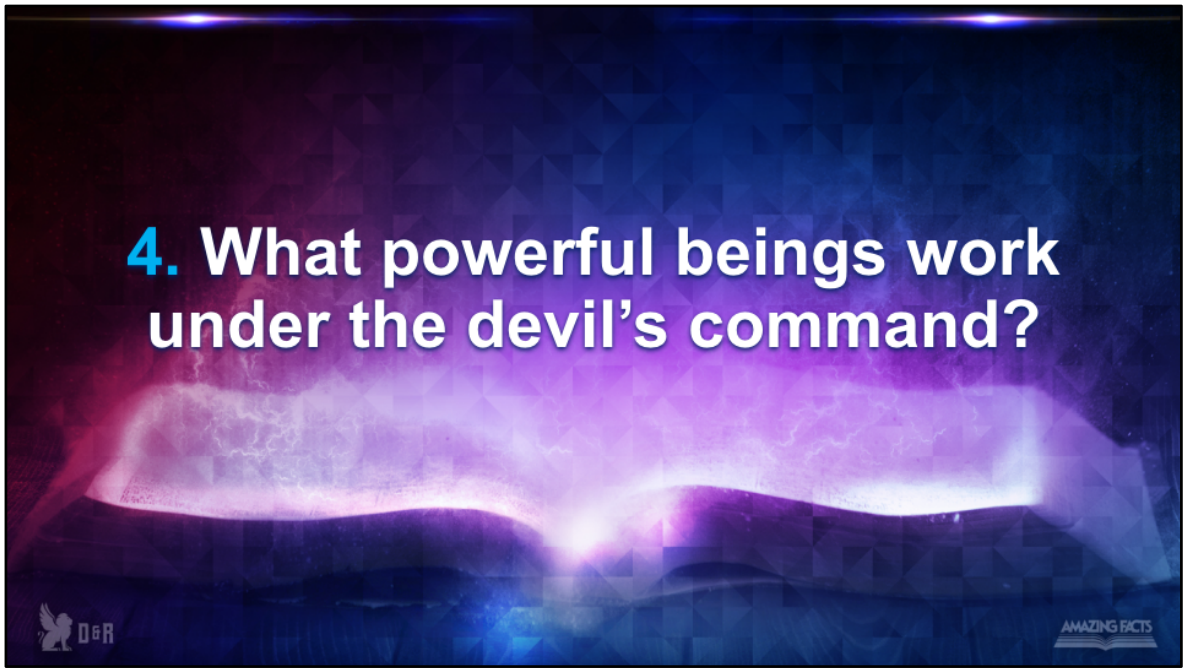
God allowed Lucifer to carry out his rebellion for several reasons. First, to forever settle any question of whether or not God makes His creatures with freedom of choice. Second, if God had destroyed Lucifer as soon as he began spreading doubts about God's love and government, the other intelligent creatures would have forever had lingering questions. They might have thought, "Perhaps Lucifer was right." Therefore, Lucifer was allowed to demonstrate the horrible results of sin. Finally, God does not want His creatures to obey Him merely because He will punish them if they don't. He wants us to obey from principles of love rather than from fear.

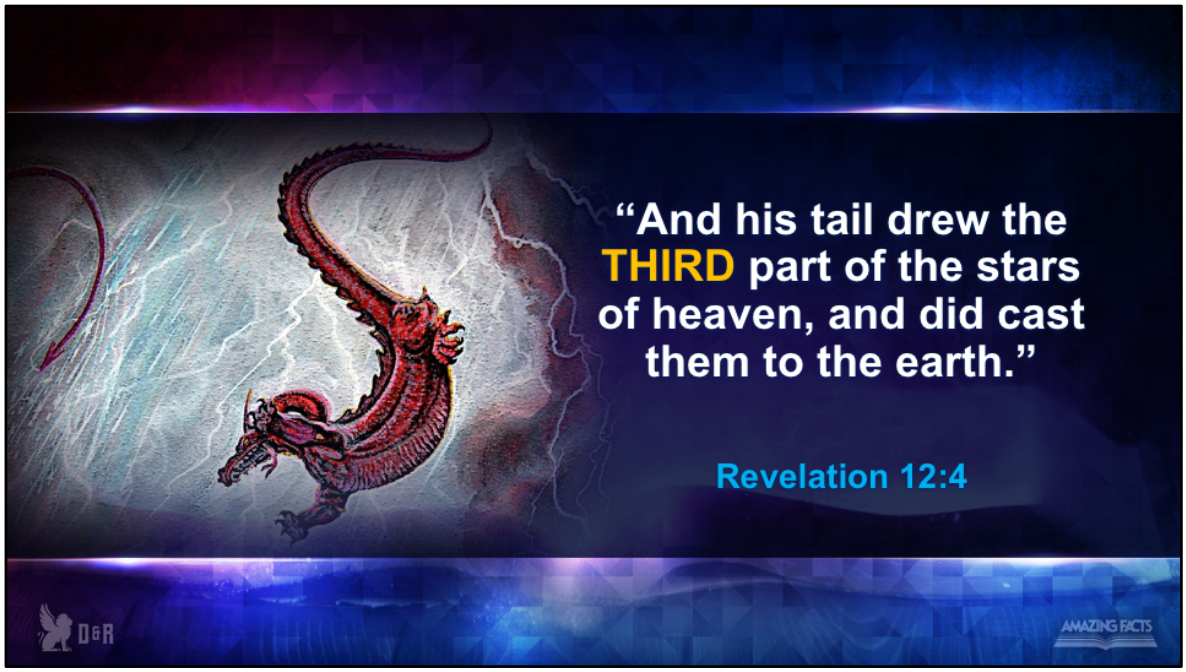

3. What finally happened?
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NOTE:

Eventually Lucifer and the angels who sided with him were expelled from heaven.


4. What powerful beings work under the devil's command?
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NOTE:
Satan is so cunning that he was able to deceive one-third of the angels of heaven into following him in his rebellion against God. Now called "devils" and "demons," these fallen angels carry out Satan's plans. In our story of Absalom, we notice that he likewise did very little of his own dirty work. Absalom ordered his servants to execute his wishes.

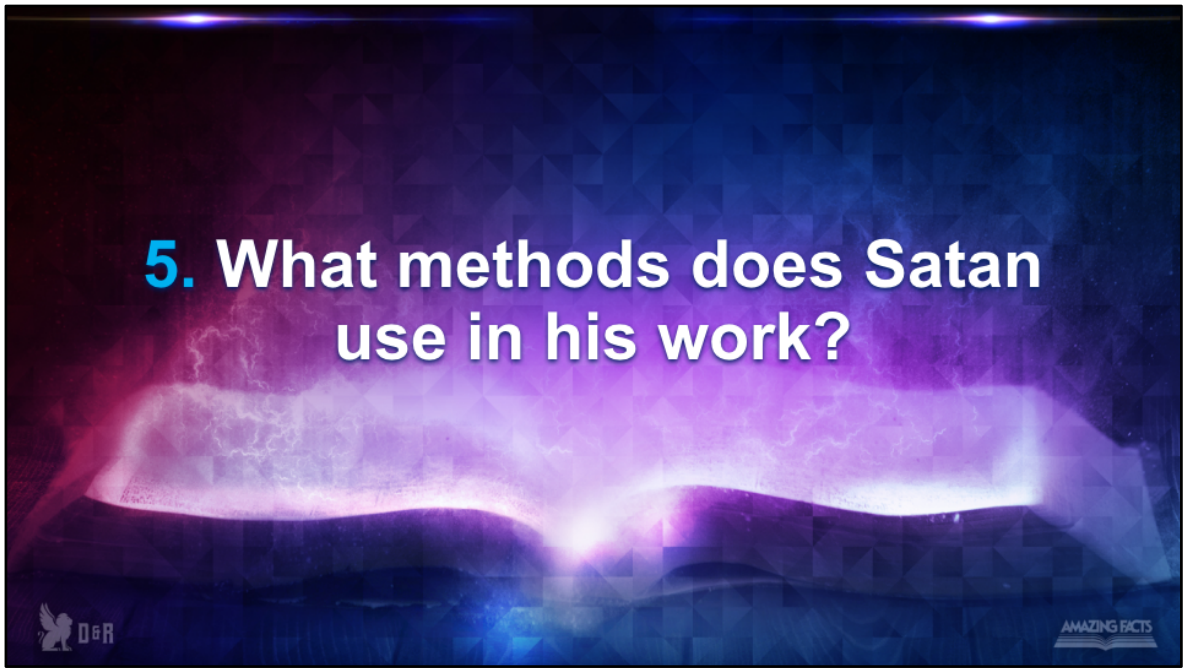
2 Samuel 13:28 *Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, ... then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded you?*

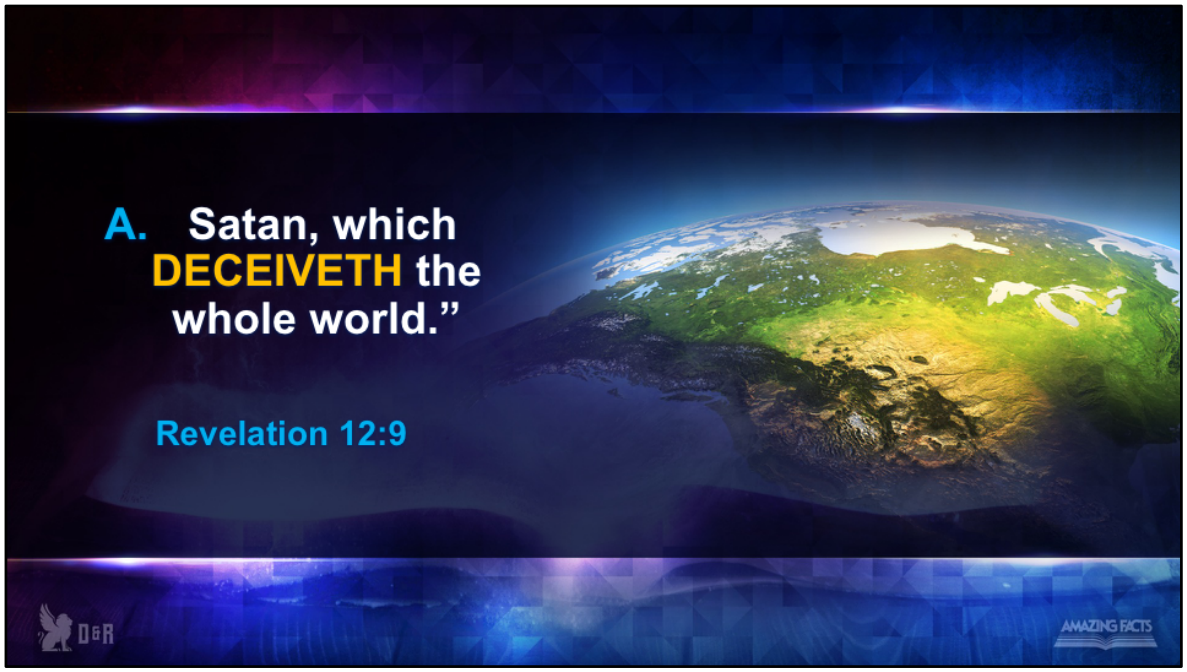
2 Samuel 14:30 *Therefore he said unto his servants, See, Joab's field is near mine, ... go and set it on fire.*

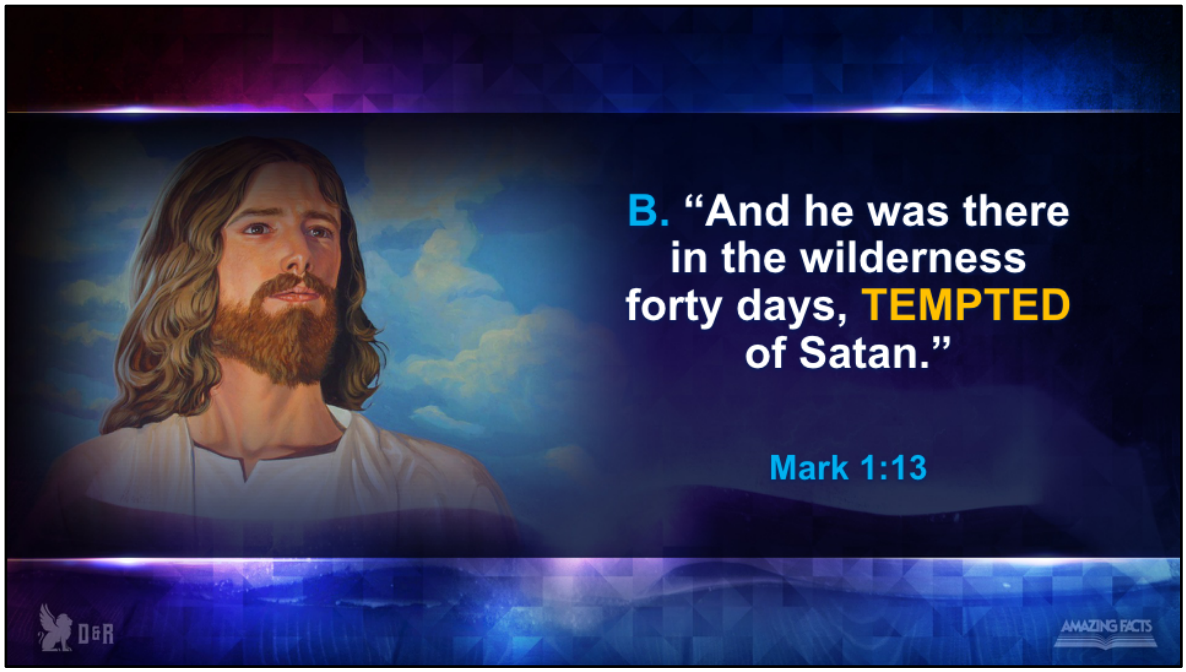

"He was cast out into the earth, and his ANGELS were cast out with him."
Revelation 12:9
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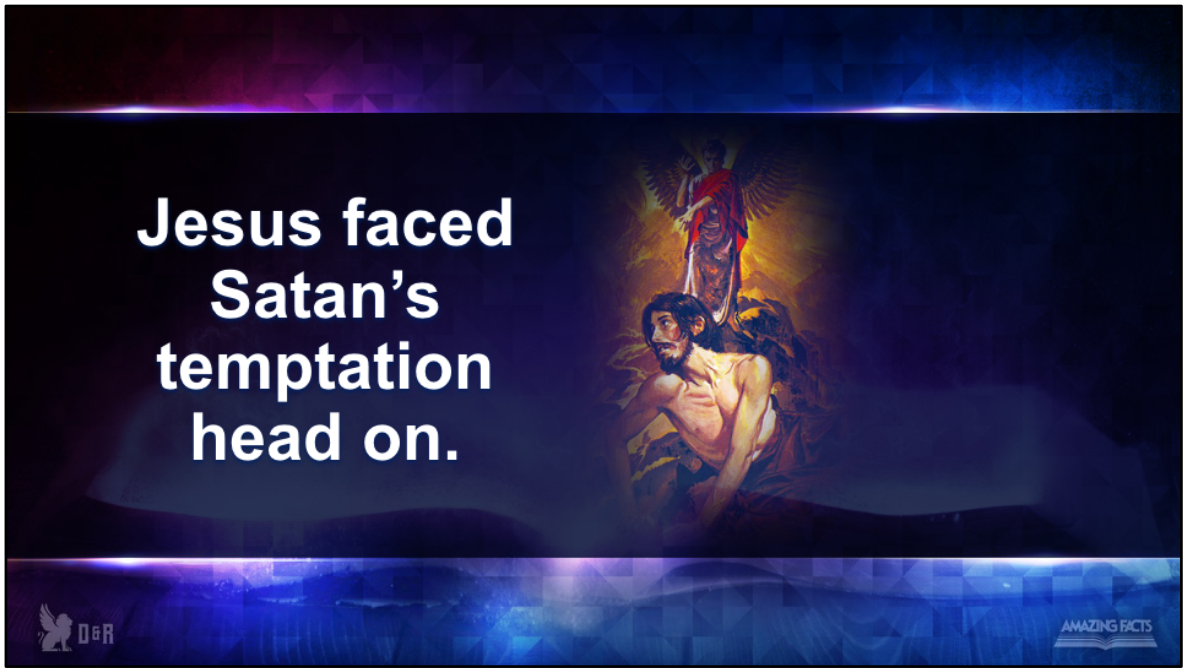


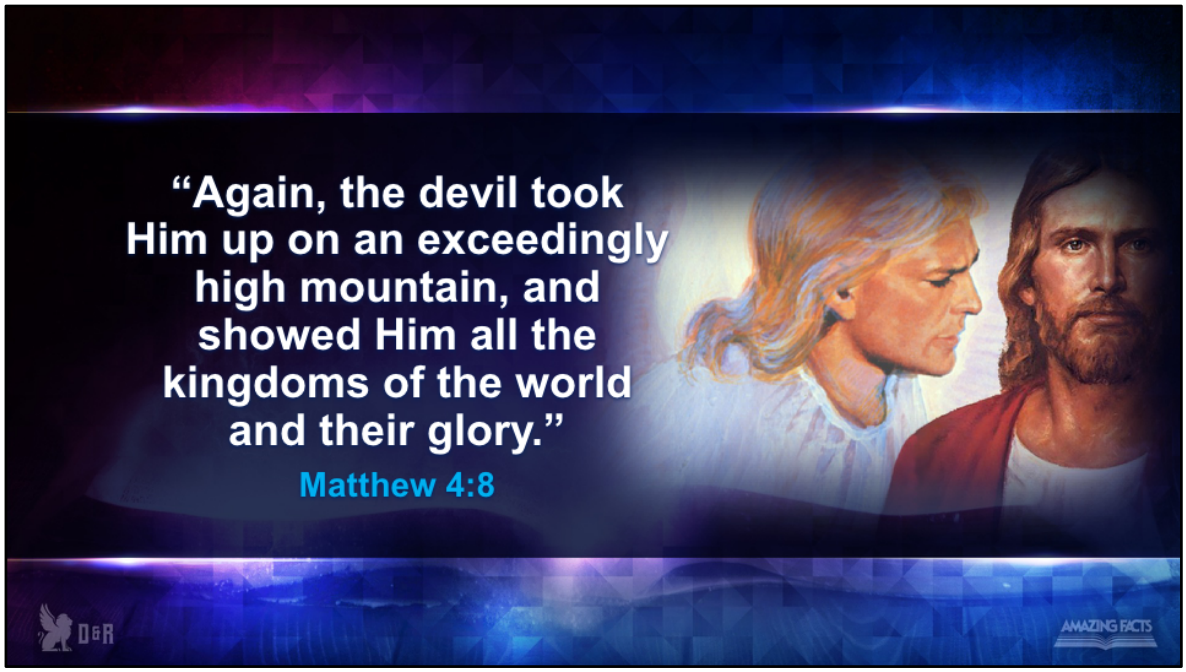
A "**Black Hole**" is a unique phenomenon in space caused by objects that are so concentrated, massive and dense that their immense gravitational pull does not even allow light to escape. A star with a mass ten times the mass of the Sun would become a black hole if it were compressed to 60 mi or less in diameter. To better understand, if you could throw a rock just hard enough to escape our planet's field of gravity, that speed would be called the "escape velocity." Now imagine an object with a required escape velocity greater than the velocity of light. 186,000 miles per second. Since nothing can go faster than light, nothing could escape the object's gravitational pull. Even a beam of light would be pulled back and would be unable to escape a black hole! The gravitational force is so strong in a black hole that laws of classical physics no longer apply, and astronomers must use Einstein's theory of relativity to explain the behavior of light and matter under such strong gravitational forces. By 1999 astronomers had found only about a dozen potential black holes in our observable universe. You might be wondering, what causes matter to become so concentrated as to produce a black hole? It occurs when a star dies and the core continues to collapse forming this super mass that will not allow light to escape. The Bible teaches us that when Lucifer fell he imploded like a fallen star and refuses to allow the light of truth to escape his domain.


5. What methods does Satan use in his work?
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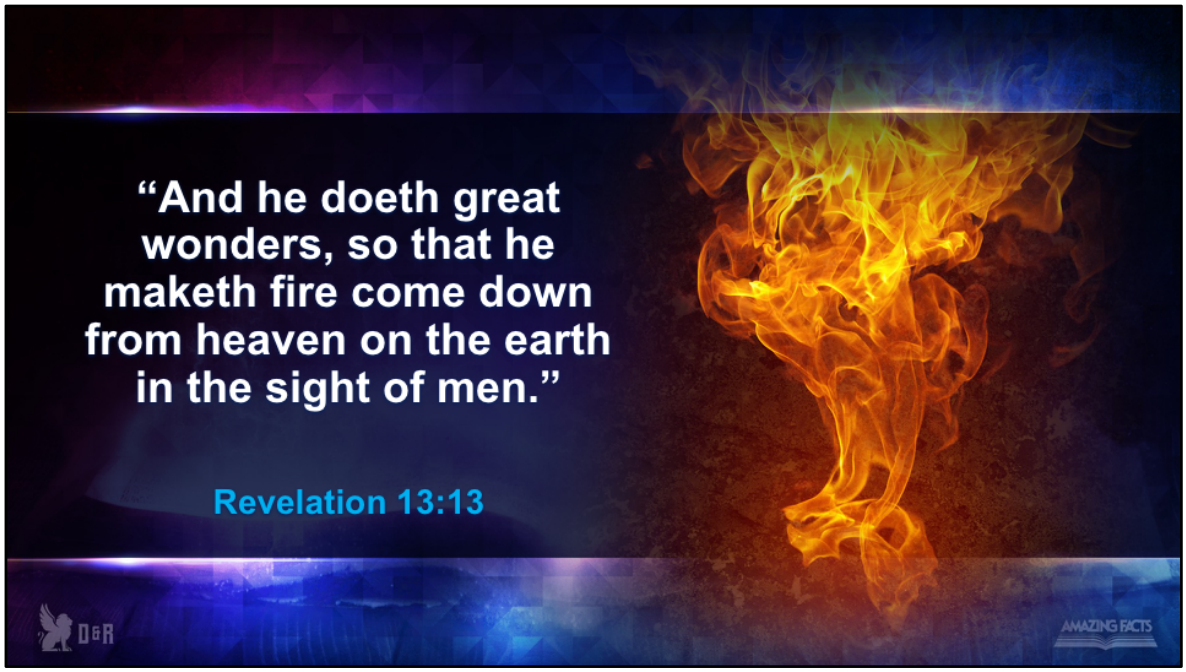

A. Satan, which DECEIVETH the whole world."
Revelation 12:9
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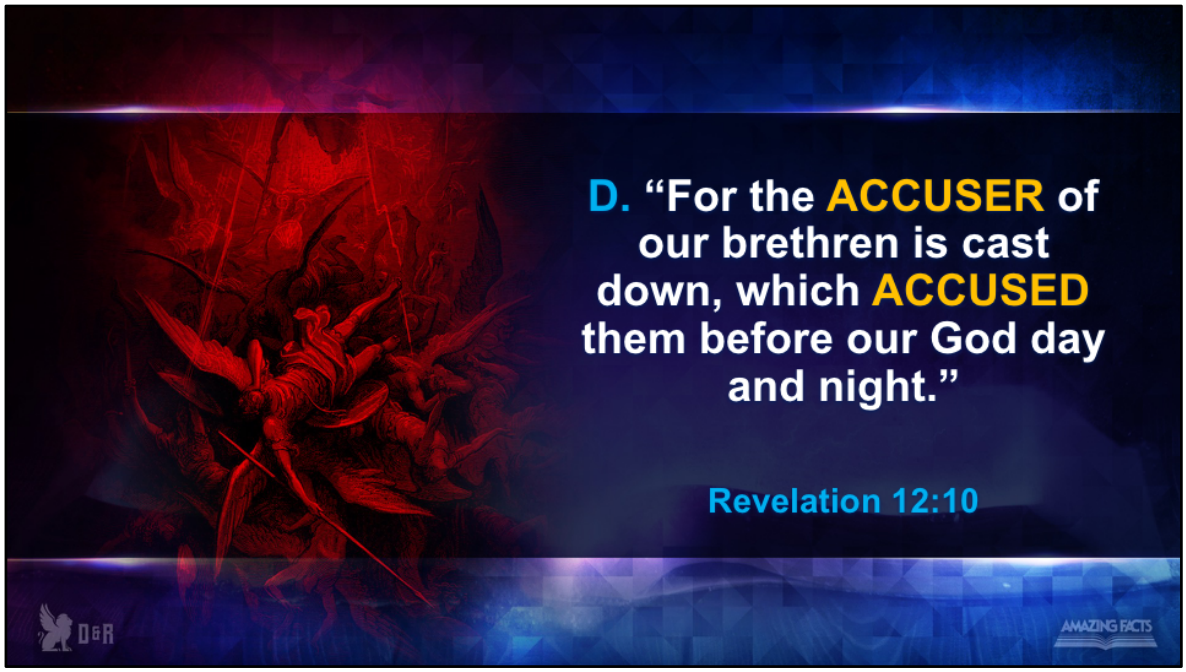

B. "And he was there in the wilderness forty days, TEMPTED of Satan."
Mark 1:13
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Jesus faced Satan's temptation head on.
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"Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory."
Matthew 4:8
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C. "For they are spirits of devils, working MIRACLES."
Revelation 16:14
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"And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men."
Revelation 13:13
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D. "For the ACCUSER of our brethren is cast down, which ACCUSED them before our God day and night."
Revelation 12:10
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E. "He was a MURDERER from the beginning… For he is a LIAR, and the father of it."

John 8:44



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6. When is the devil most dangerous?
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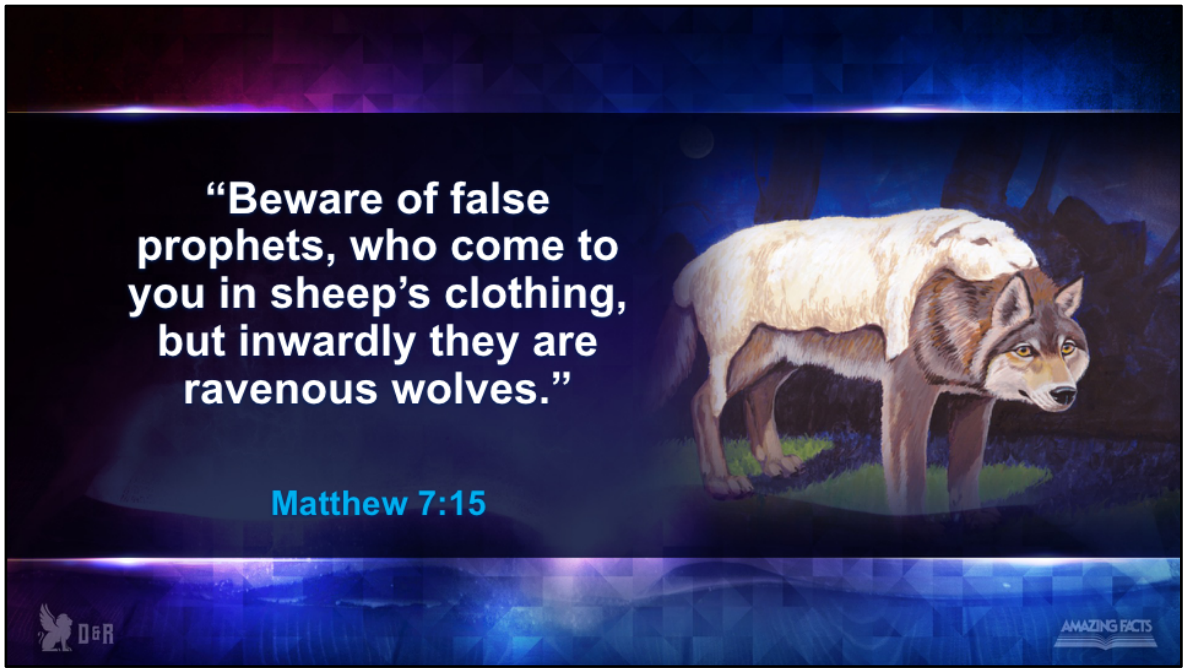

"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an ANGEL of LIGHT."
2 Corinthians 11:14, 15
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John Orr Arsonist - He may have been the worst serial arsonist in US history. Between 1984 and 1991, Federal agents believe that John Orr may have set as many as 2,000 fires in the Los Angeles area in which at least four people died. What makes this even more shocking is that John Orr was a fire captain and arson investigator for the Glendale California Fire Department. Orr trained at least 1200 fire fighters and solved many arson investigations. Orr was eventually caught, convicted, and is currently serving a life sentence in prison. People trusted him to stop the fires when he was actually the one starting them. Sadly, some also believe Jesus is a both a Savior and a sadist.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Ezek 33:11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

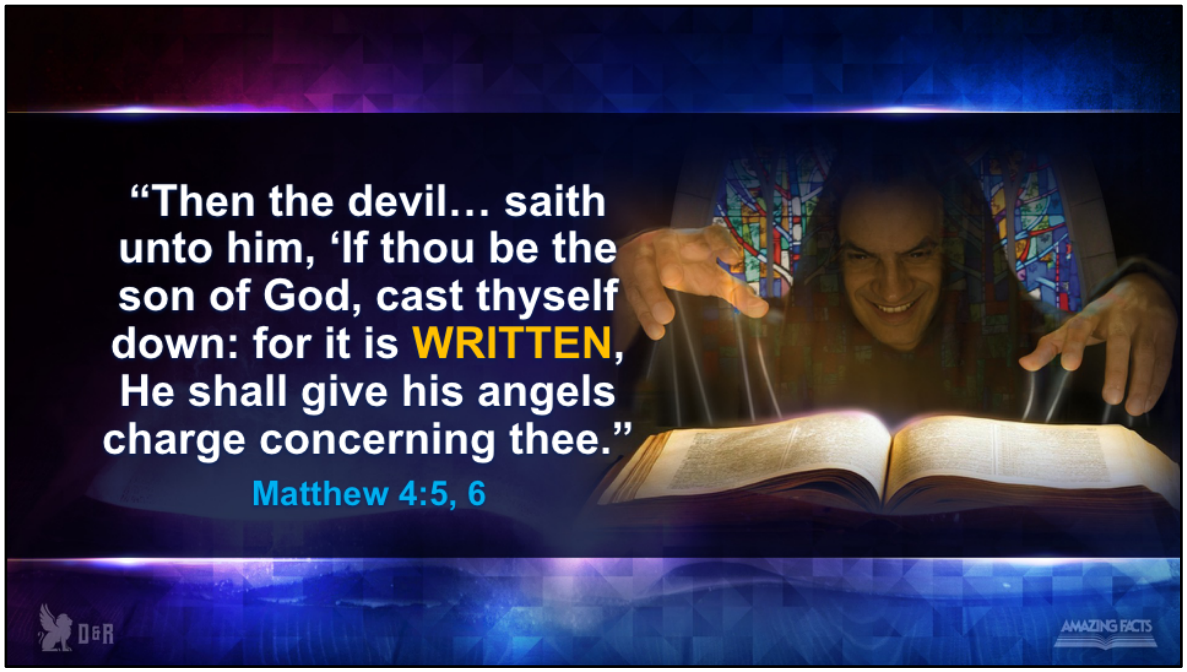


NOTE:
Just as the devil did, Absalom pretended to love the people and displayed an interest in their welfare in order to deceive them.

2 Samuel 15:5*, *6 *And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him. And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.*

Satan is most dangerous when he poses as a spiritual being working inside the church. (See supplement entitled "A Brilliant Angel.")

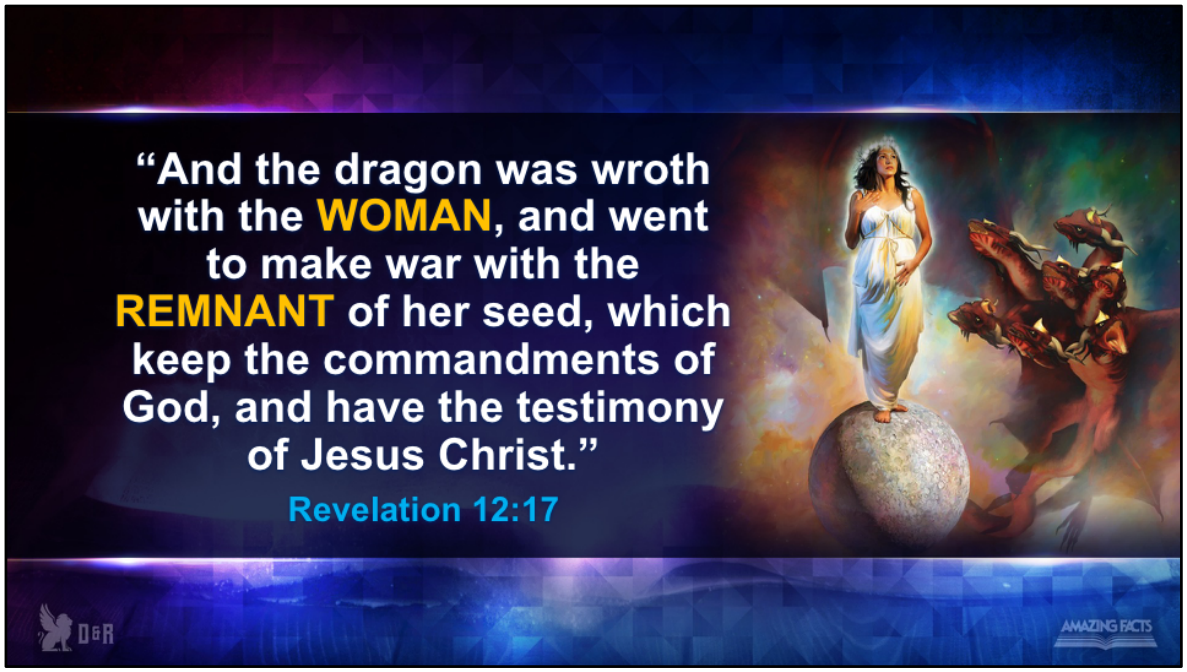

7. Does Satan know the Bible?
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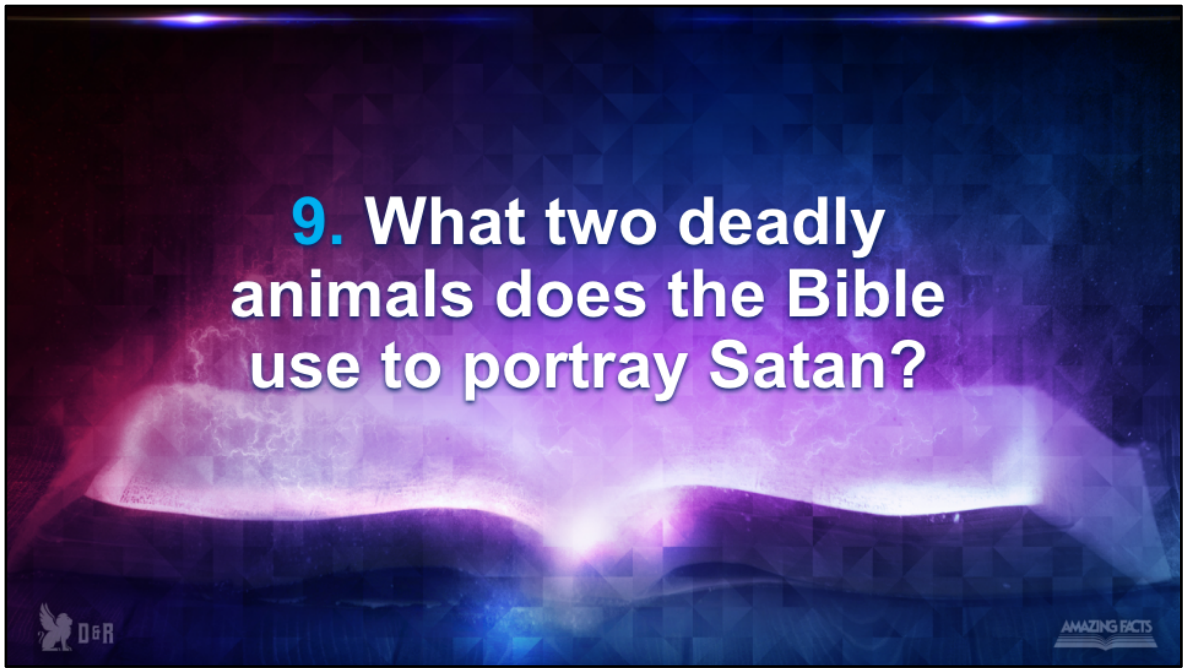


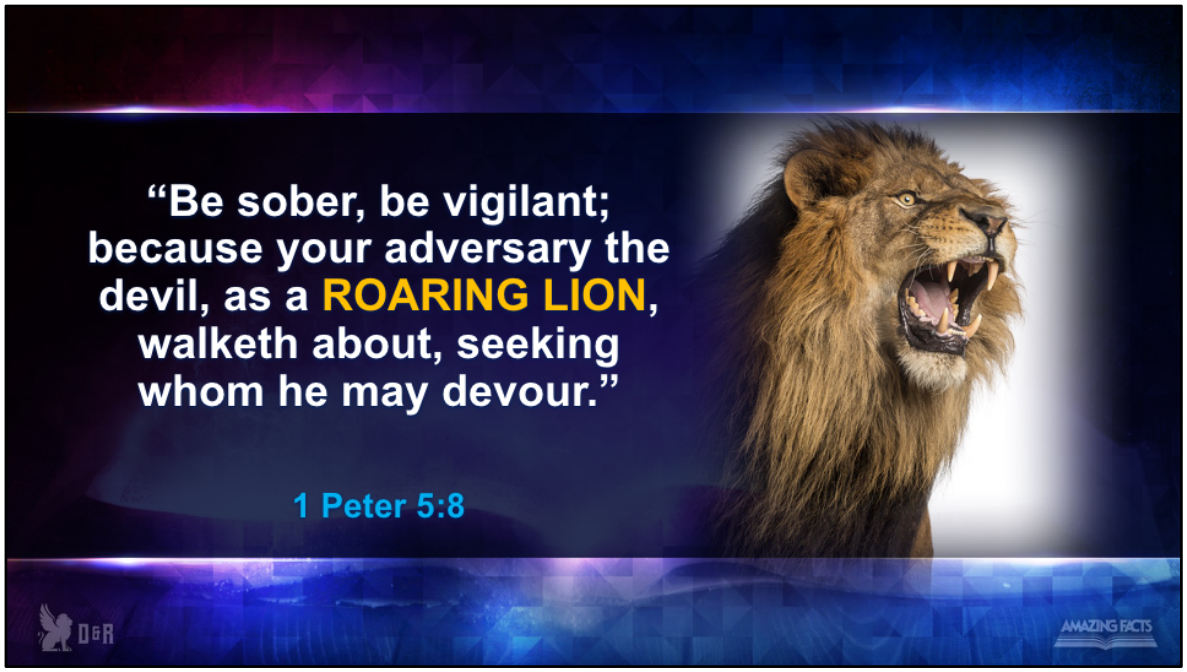
NOTE:

The devil is an expert at quoting and misquoting the Bible for the purpose of deceiving people. That is why it is essential that God's people know the Scriptures for themselves to avoid being misled.


8. Whom on earth does the devil hate most?
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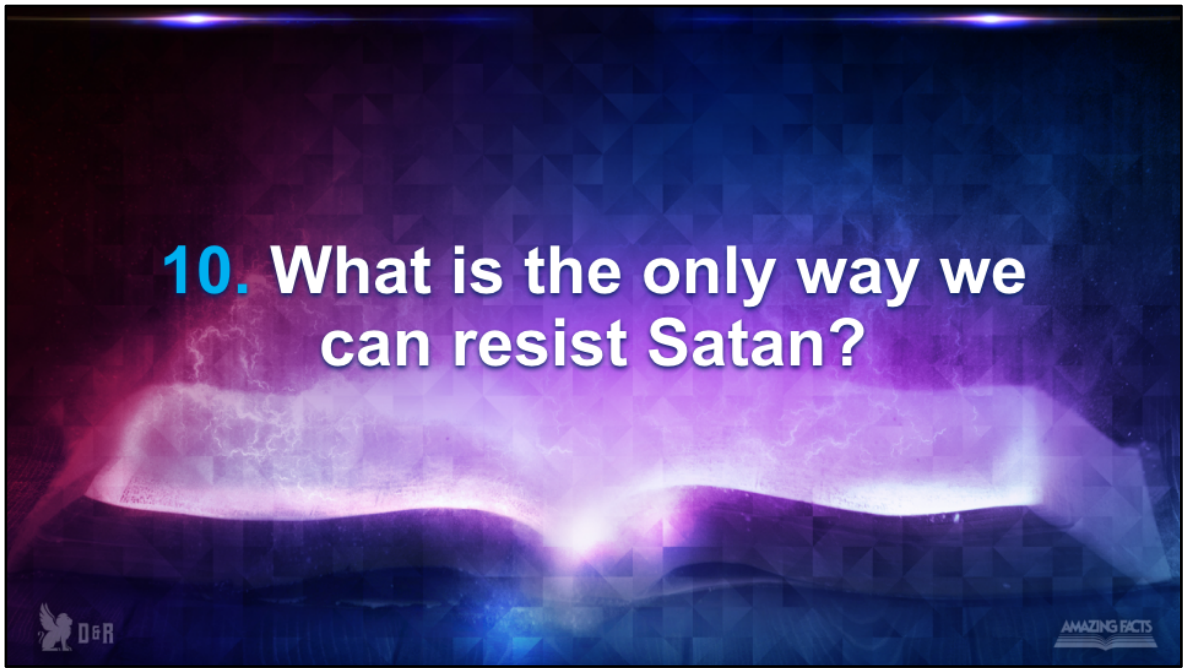

"And the dragon was wroth with the WOMAN, and went to make war with the REMNANT of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."
Revelation 12:17
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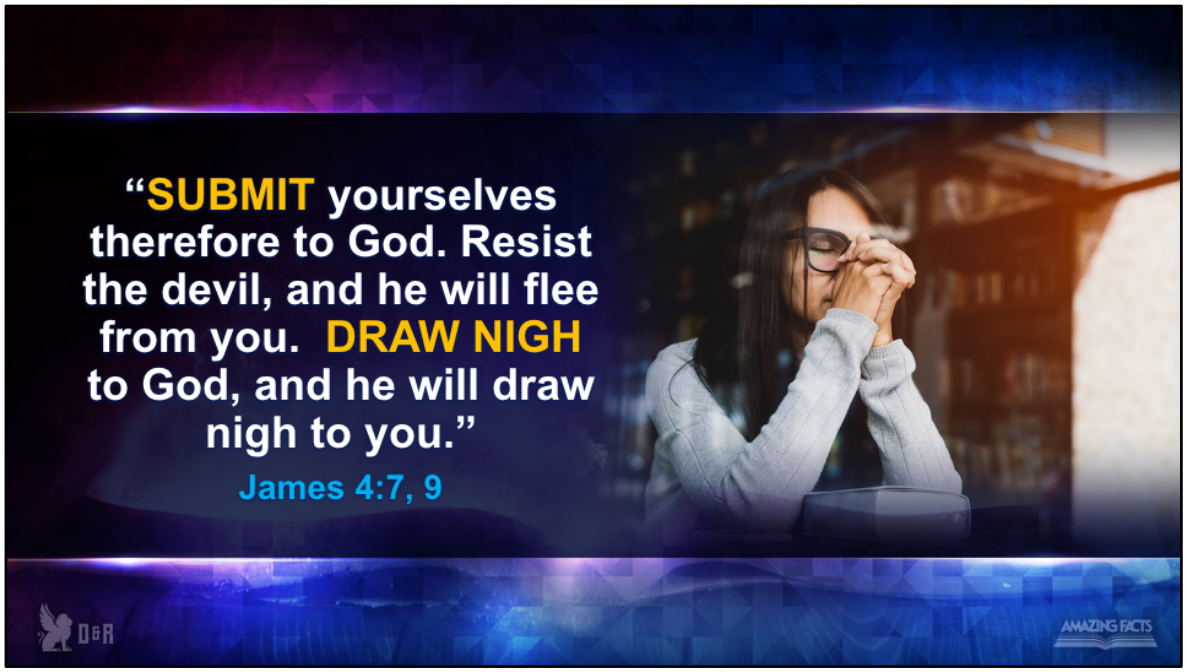

9. What two deadly animals does the Bible use to portray Satan?
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"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a ROARING LION, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."
1 Peter 5:8
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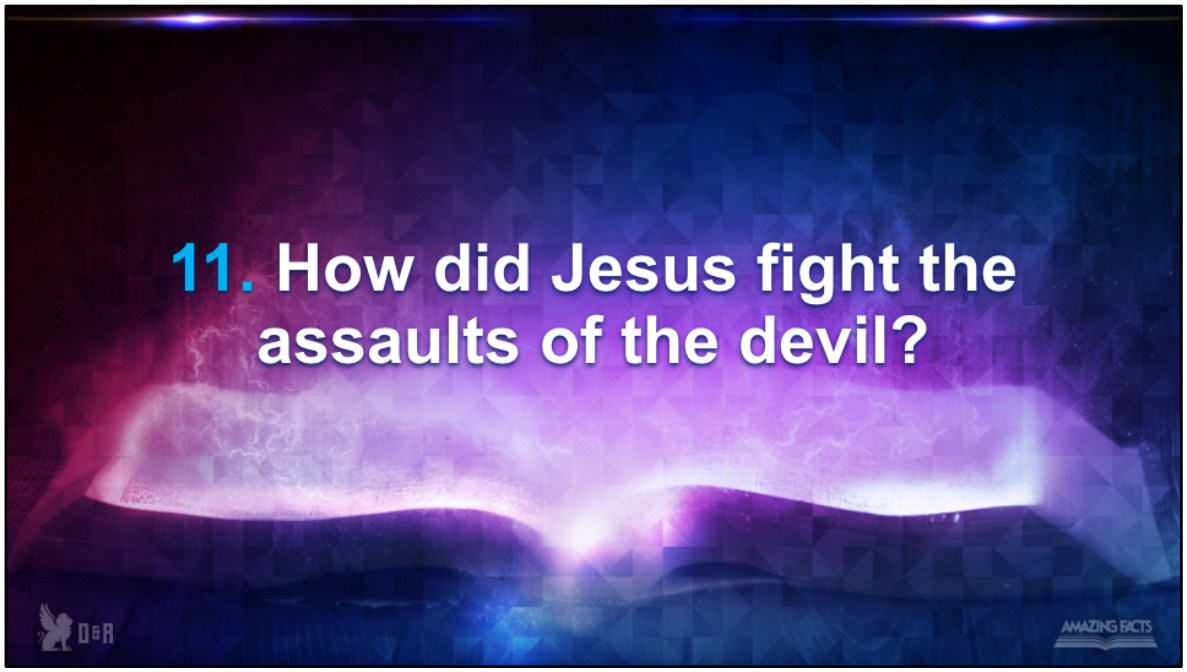


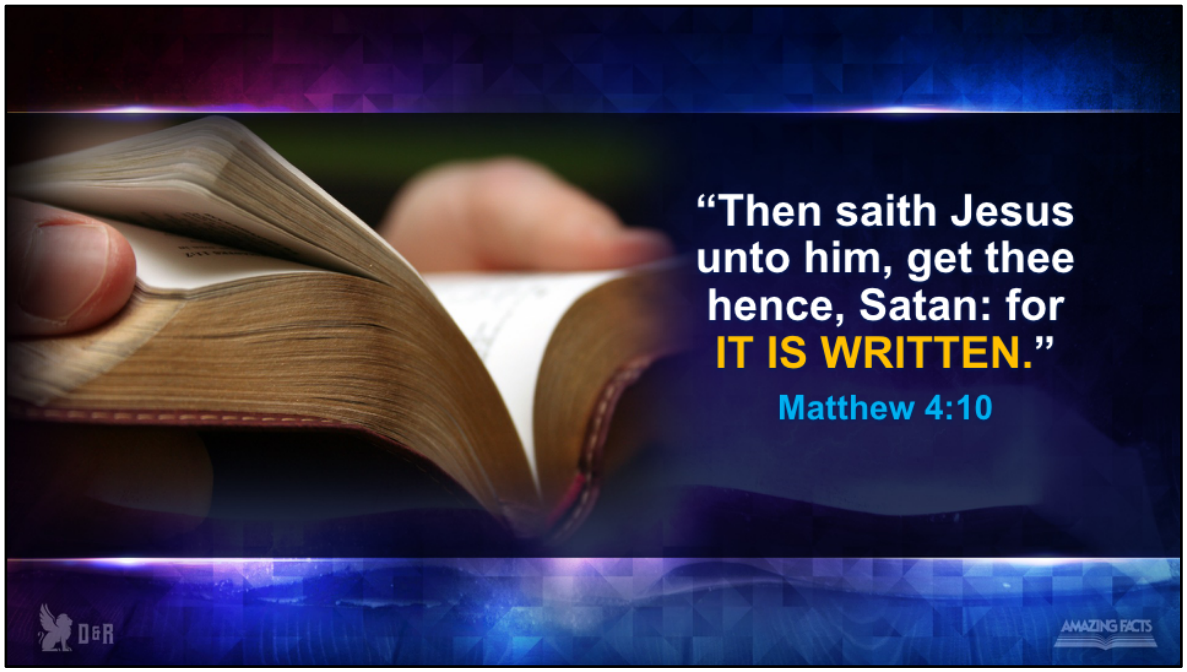
NOTE:
Both lions and snakes use stealth and diversion to capture their prey. Like the devil, they spring suddenly upon their victims and are ruthless and indifferent to suffering.

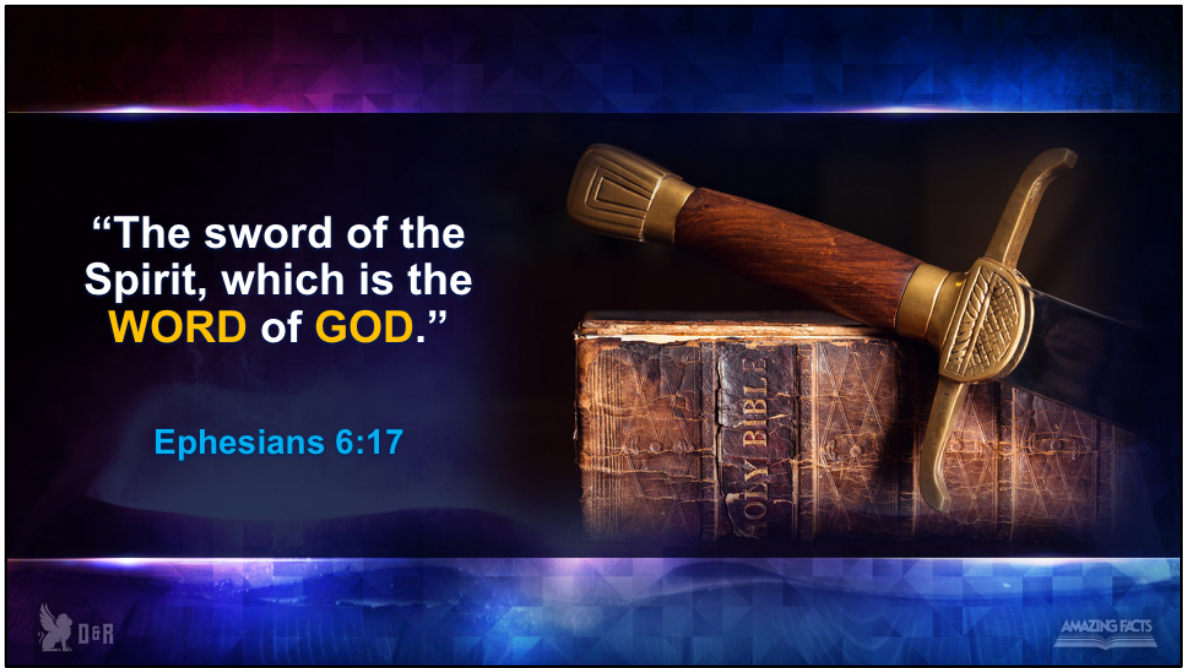

10. What is the only way we can resist Satan?
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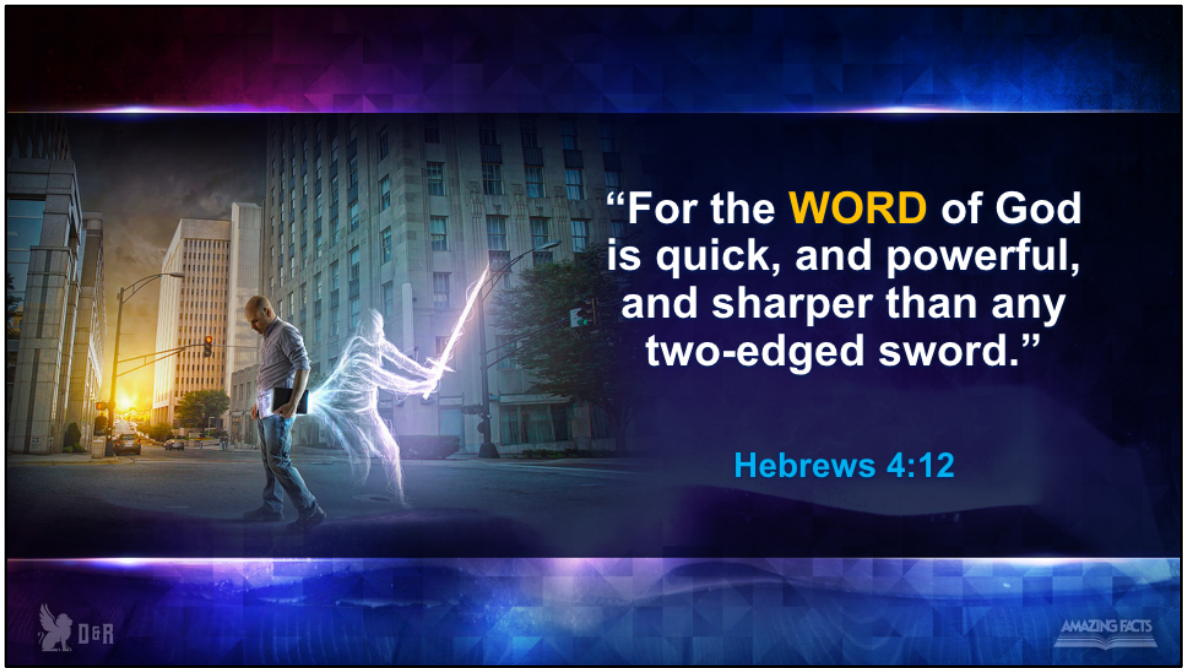


NOTE:
The best ways to draw near to God are through prayer and seeking to know Him through His Word.

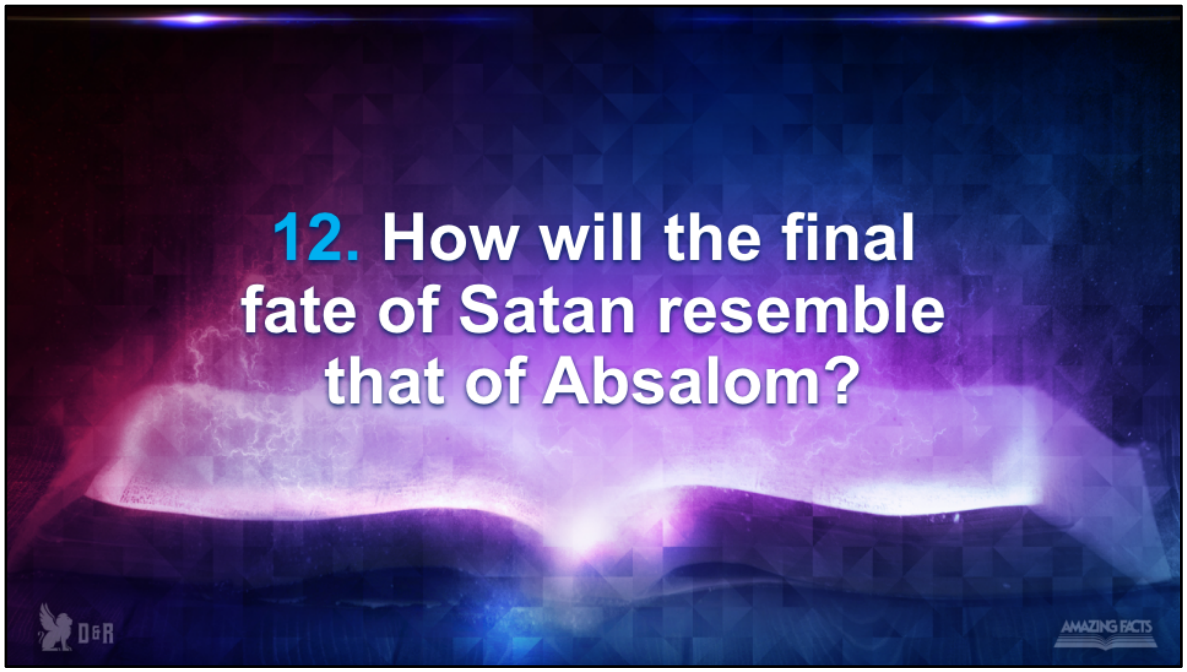

11. How did Jesus fight the assaults of the devil?
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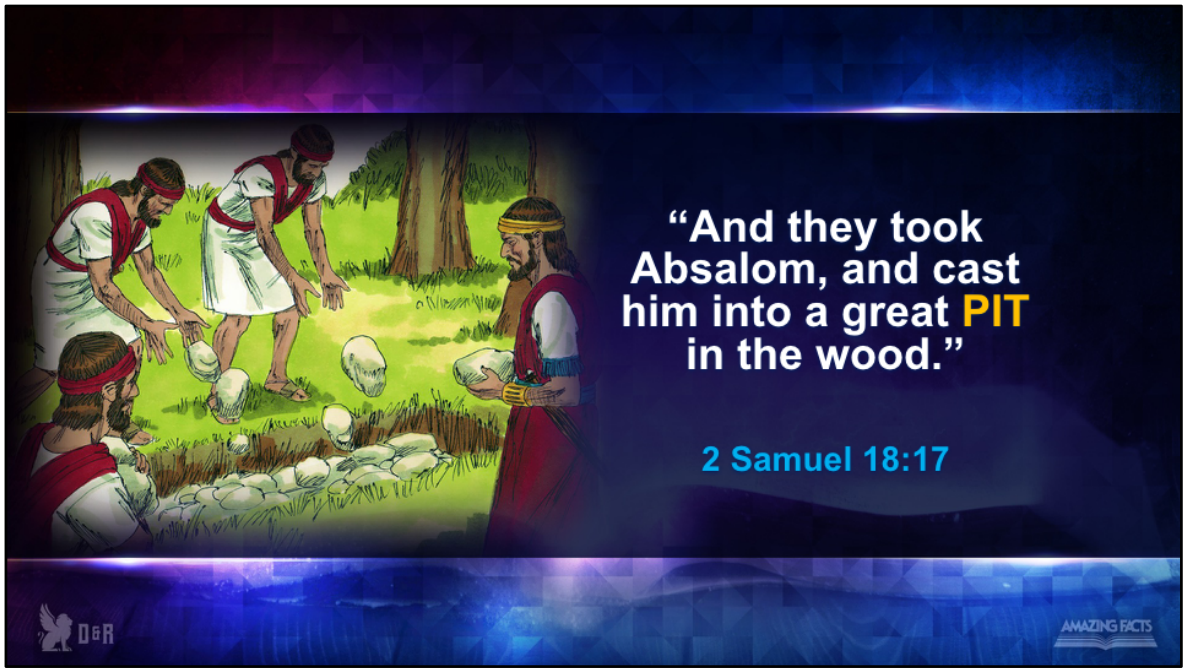

“Then saith Jesus unto him, get thee hence, Satan: for IT IS WRITTEN.”
Matthew 4:10
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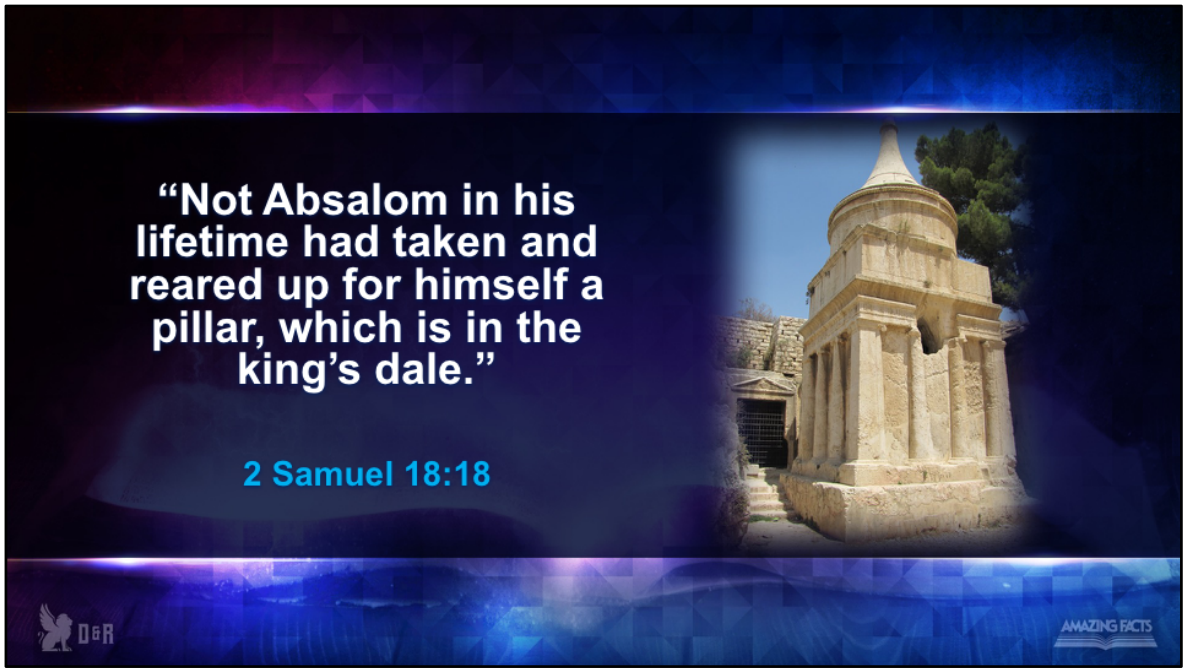

"The sword of the Spirit, which is the WORD of GOD."
Ephesians 6:17
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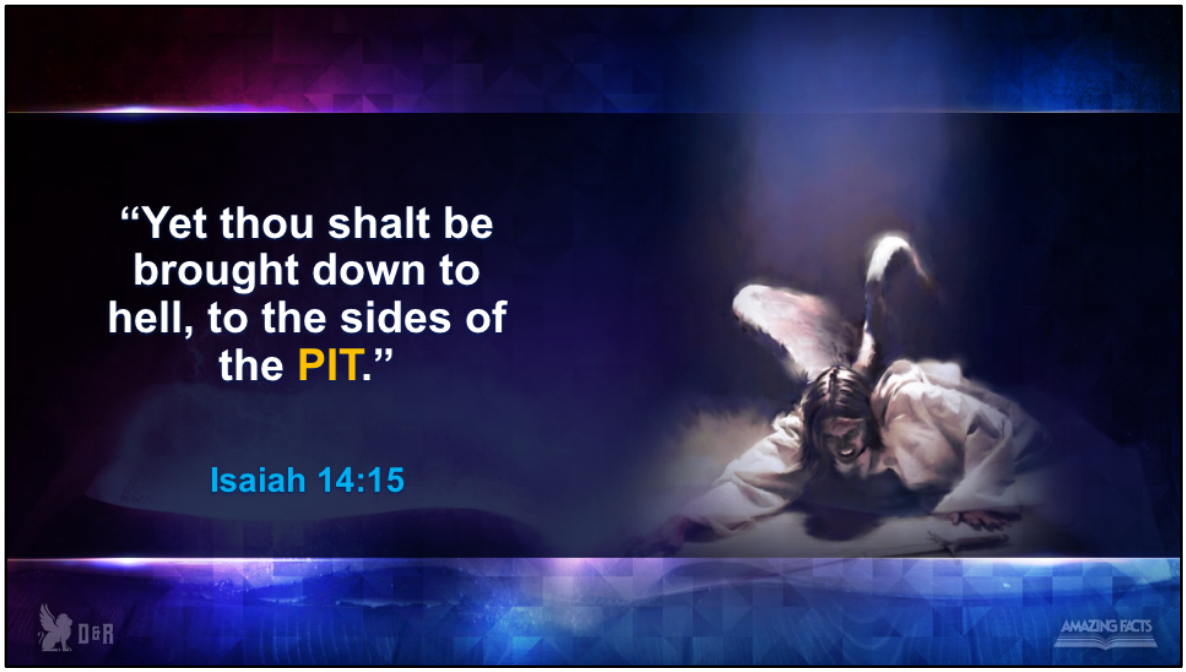


NOTE:
Our only safety from Satan's clever deceptions is in storing God's Word in our minds to keep us from sin. The same tools Jesus used to fight the devil are needed and available to us today.

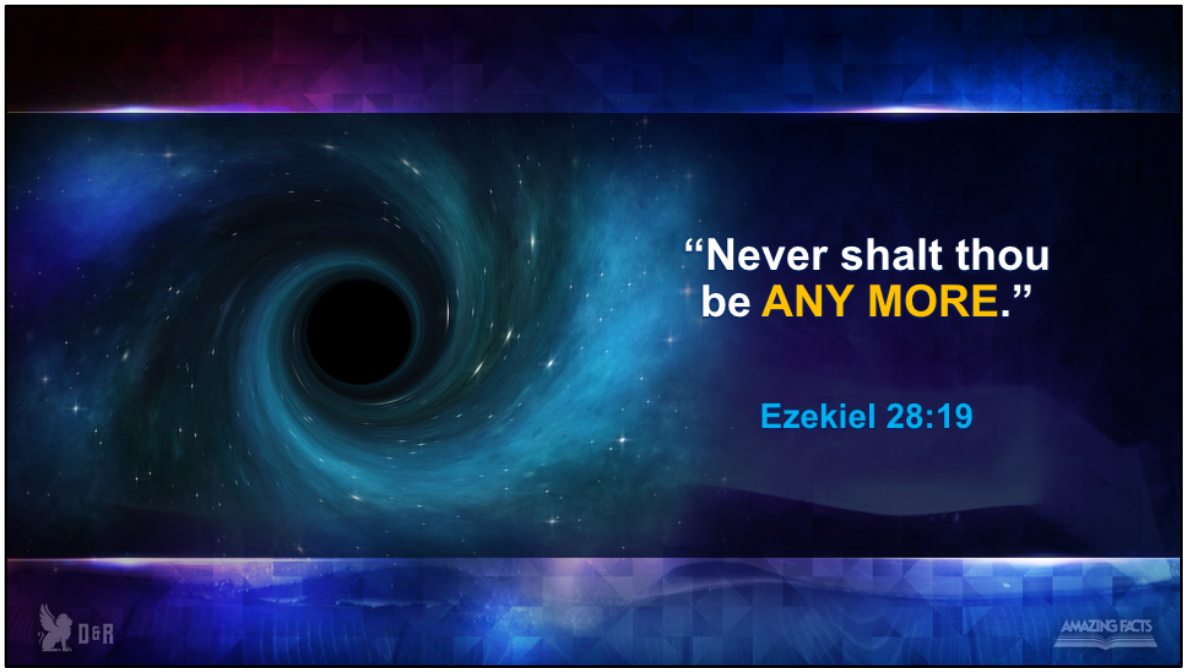

12. How will the final fate of Satan resemble that of Absalom?
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"And they took Absalom, and cast him into a great PIT in the wood."
2 Samuel 18:17
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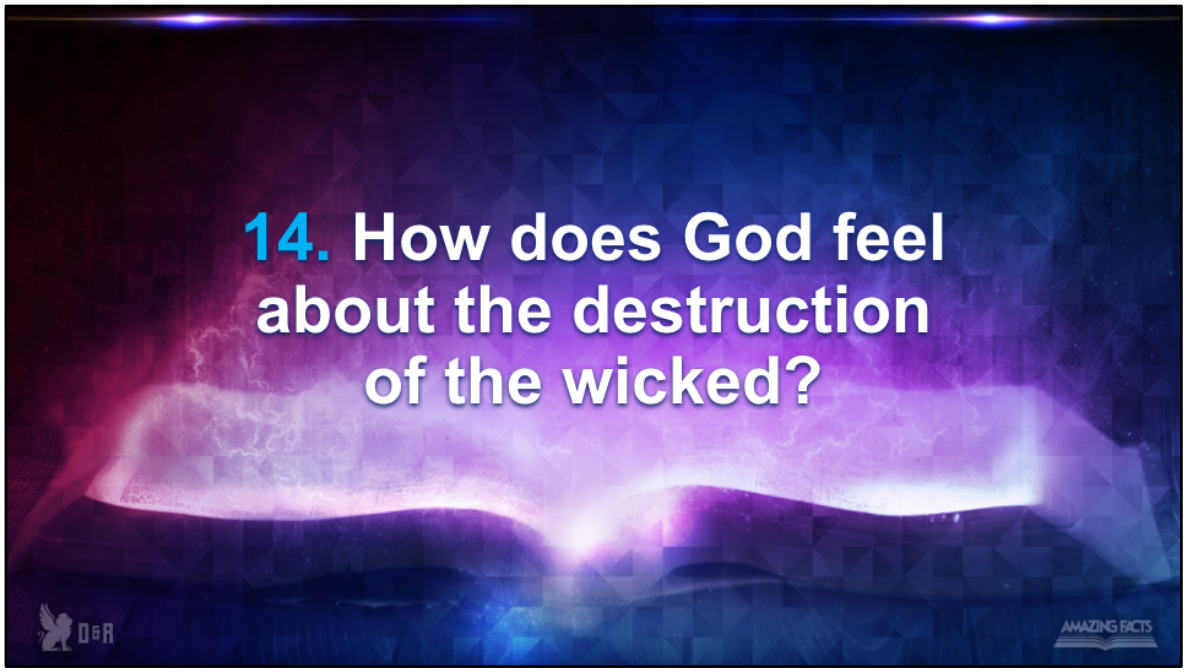

“Not Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which is in the king’s dale.”
2 Samuel 18:18
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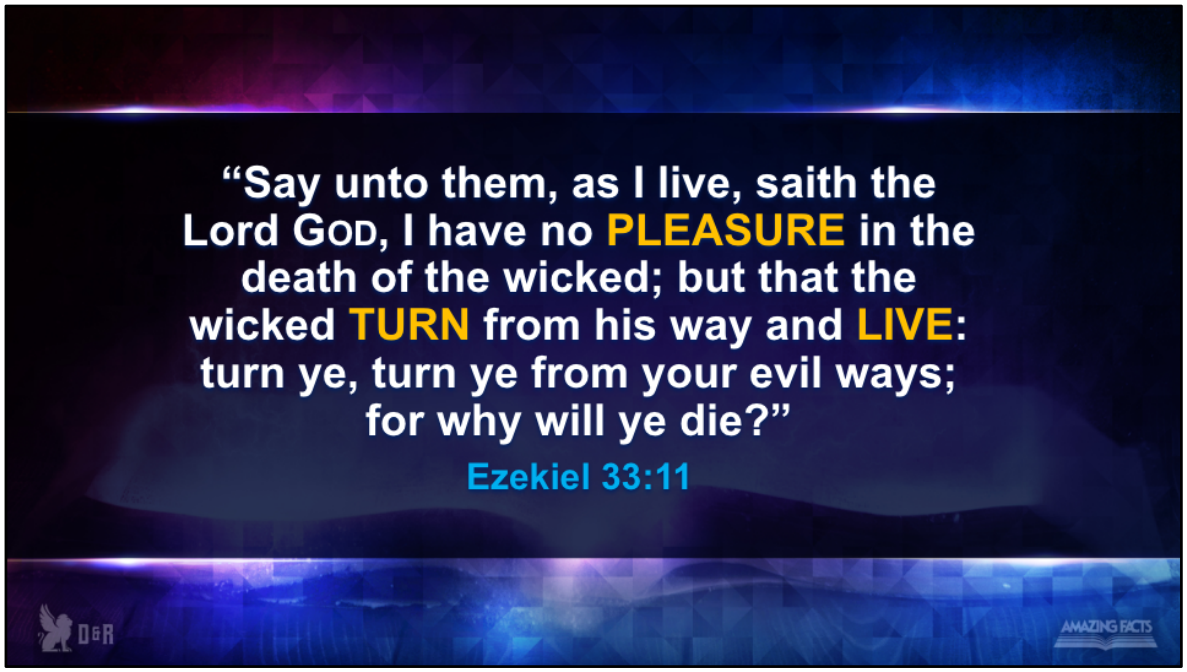

"Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the PIT."
Isaiah 14:15
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13. Will Satan ever reappear to tempt God's people?
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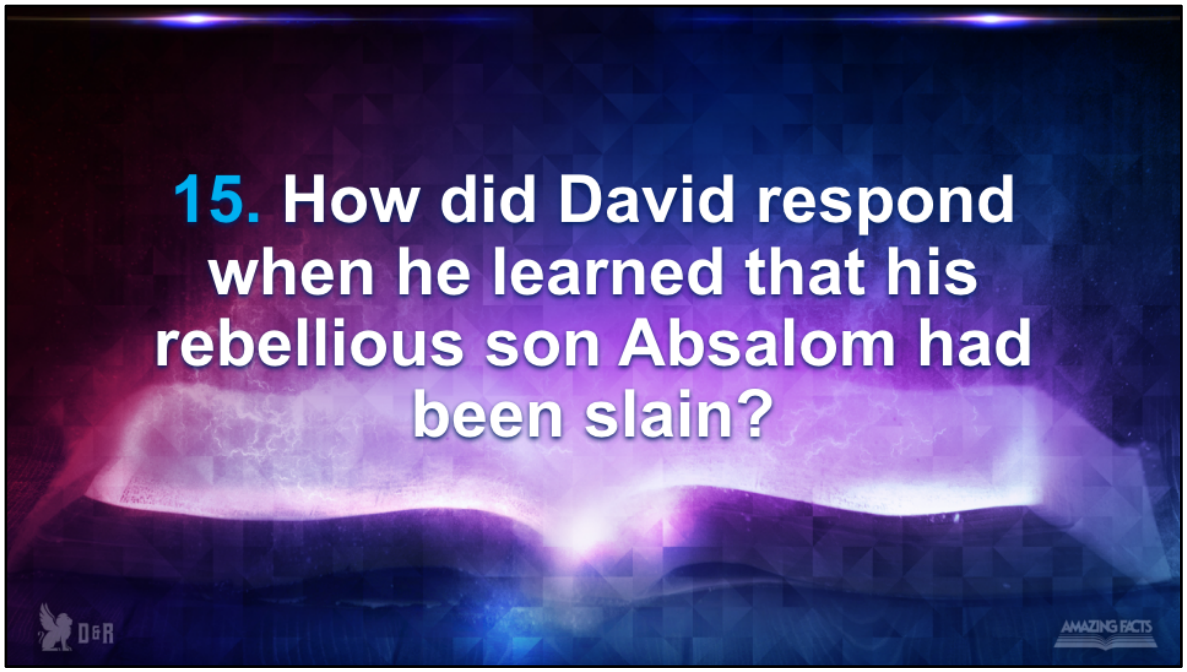

"Never shalt thou be ANY MORE."
Ezekiel 28:19
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"Affliction shall not rise up the SECOND TIME."
Nahum 1:9
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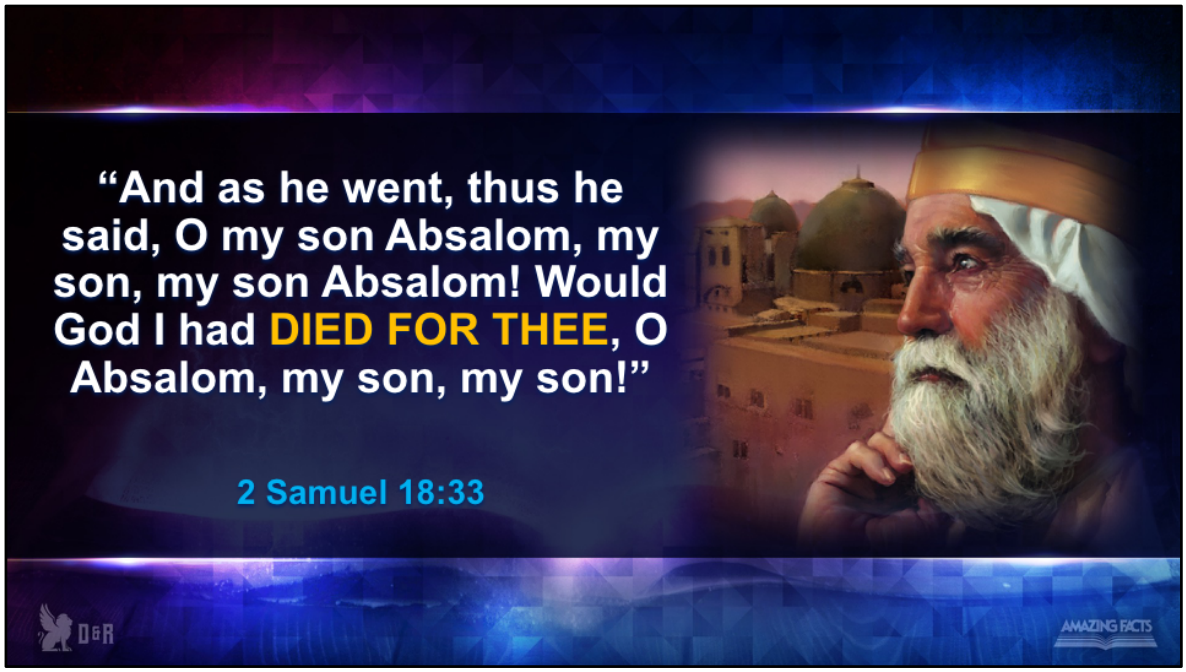

14. How does God feel about the destruction of the wicked?
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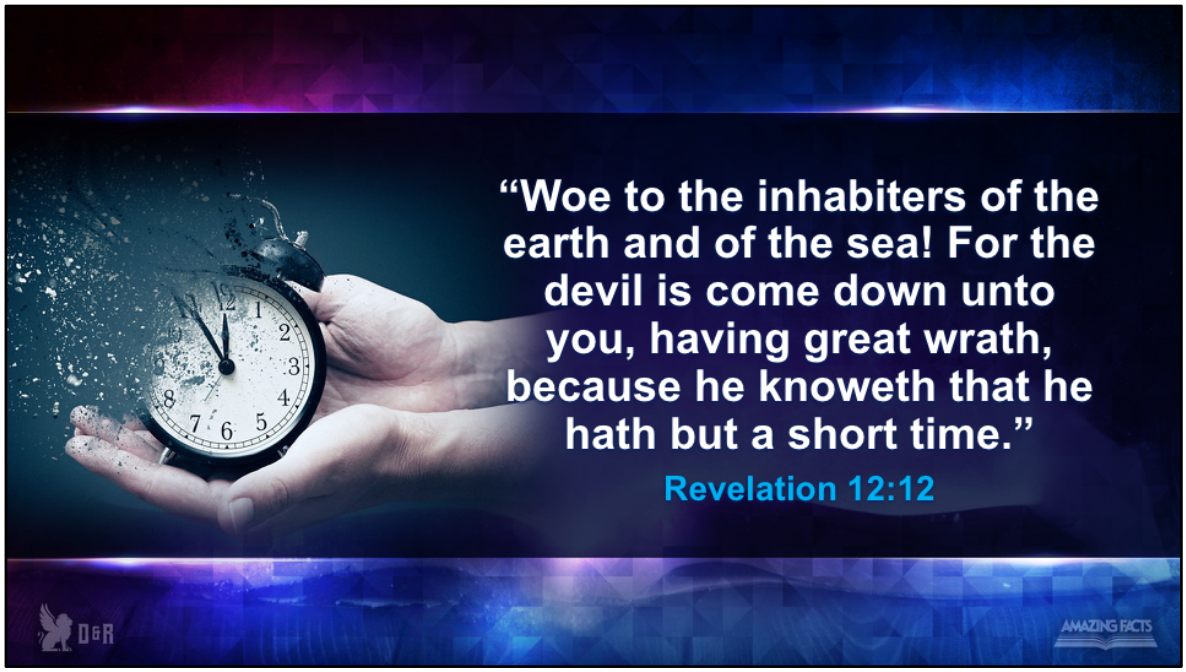


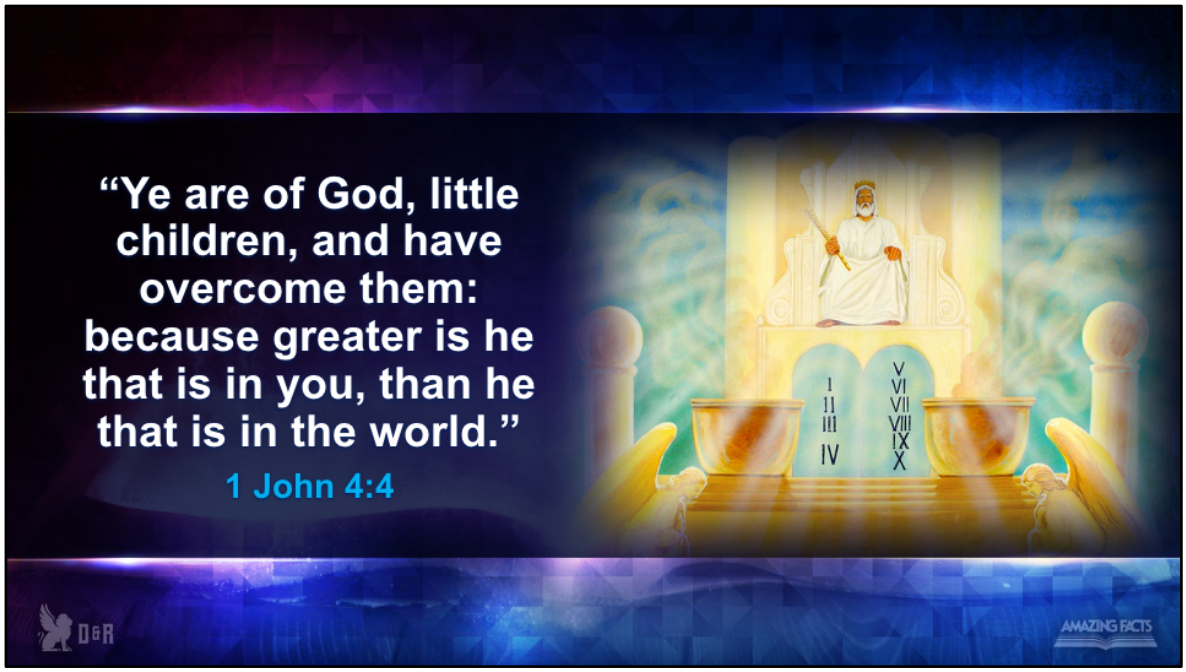
NOTE:
It hurts God to have to destroy the wicked. In fact, the Bible calls the destruction of the wicked His "strange act" because it is foreign to His loving nature. (see Isaiah 28:21)


15. How did David respond when he learned that his rebellious son Absalom had been slain?
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"And the king was much MOVED, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept:"
2 Samuel 18:33
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"And as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would God I had DIED FOR THEE, O Absalom, my son, my son!"
2 Samuel 18:33
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"Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."
Revelation 12:12
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"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."
1 John 4:4
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